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[Price 6d.

Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS
WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises
Cocao, Chocolate, of the best brands
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed leaf
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

Candles: best brands
Soap: treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes
Vestas, by approved makers
Salt: table, fine, and coarse
Raisins: Muscatels, Sultanas, and Elemes
Oils: salad, castor, and kerosene
Sauces: Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted

TOBACCOES.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.

Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sixes
Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case
Rum: Lemon Hart's
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grape
Sherry: Goncalo, six diamond
Gin: JDKZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell
Old Tom: Bennett's, Bernard's
Claret: St. Julian's

Moselle: No. 2
Hock: Gold Leaf
Ginger Wine, in bulk and case
Ales: Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial
Porter: Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial
Cordials: assorted
Sarsaparilla: Singleton's, Townsend's
Bitters: Selner's, Stoughton's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse
Gunpowder, caps, and shot
Long and short handled shovels
Spades, sluice forks
Picks and pickhandles
Gold dishes, hose-pipes
Drills and drilling hammers
Manilla and flat ropes
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils
Galvanised and corrugated iron
Stoves and piping

Billies and pannikins
Tea-kettles, iron and tin
Galvanised iron buckets and tubs
Iron boilers
Ensmelled and tinned stew and saucepans
Axes and axe-handles
Nails, cut and wrought
Tacks, clout and American cut
Garden rakes, hoes, and spades
Cutlery, a large assortment
Carpenters' tools of every description

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE. HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac
Boys' do.
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin
Shirts: white dress, crimceans, Scotch twill, tweed
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton
Hosiery and hats

Dress materials: winceys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints
Flannels: Calicos, bleached and unbleached
Blankets, rugs, quilts
Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers
Cocoa and felt mattings
Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets
Top, waterproof, and tweed coats; etc., etc.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertight, half-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boot
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket

China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

W. TALBOYS'

CLEARING SALE OF GROCERY.

New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s

Fresh Herring, 8d per tin.

Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d

Lobsters, 10½d per tin

Muscateis, 1s 2d per lb

Salmon, 10½d per tin

Jordan Almonds, 2s 3d per lb

Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d

Elemes, 7½d per lb

Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d

Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb

Oysters, 7d per tin

Two-crown Soap, 12s per box

Tainsh's Jams, 11d per tin

Three-crown Soap, 14s per box

Figs, 1s per box

Cheese, 10d per lb

Preserved Fruits, 2s.

Hams, 10d per lb

Pickles, 1s per bottle

Kerosene (Noonday), 12s per tin.

Candles 10½d per lb

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Elastic Sides, Lace-ups and Watertights, Colonial Made, 14s 6d.

A large stock of Ladies' and Children's Kid Boots (Copper Toes), 4s 6d.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

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I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

HAVE ON HAND

THE LARGEST AND BEST-SELECTED STOCK

OF ANY UP-COUNTRY STORE IN

DRAPERY, BOOTS, IRONMONGERY, CROCKERY
WINES and SPIRITS.

SPECIAL ATTENTION DEVOTED TO

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING,

DIRECT FROM OUR OWN FACTORY.

A LARGE STOCK OF

FURNITURE AND BUILDING MATERIALS

ALWAYS ON HAND.

AGENTS FOR

Robertson & Hallenstein's Celebrated Silk-dressed Wakatip Flour.

A GOOD SUPPLY OF BRAN, POLLARD, AND PRODUCE OF ALL KINDS ALWAYS ON HAND

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

EXTENSION OF PREMISES.

W. TALBOYS

Having determined to Extend his Premises,

WILL HOLD A

Great Clearing Sale!

OF HIS EXTENSIVE AND VARIED STOCK OF

DRAPERY, HOSIERY, HABERDASHERY,

CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES, &c., &c.,

EXTENDING OVER ONE MONTH ONLY!

CALL EARLY AND SECURE BARGAINS.

Cromwell



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N O T I C E

The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Wardens' Courts for the months of April, May and June, 1880, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts:

CLYDE—Every Thursday, excepting the Teviot Court week.

CROMWELL—Every Friday.

ALEXANDRA—Monday, April 5 and 19

" May 3, 17 and 31

" June 14 and 28

[The District Court Office at Alexandra will be open on the above dates for the transaction of business. For the transaction of ordinary business this office will be open every Monday.]

OPERA—Tuesday, April 6

" May 4

" June 1

[This office will be open for the transaction of ordinary business the Monday preceding each Court day.]

ROXBURGH—Tuesday, April 13

" May 11

" June 8

JACKSON KEDDELL,
Warden and R.M.



CROMWELL ANNUAL RACE MEETING, DECEMBER, 1880.

THE CROMWELL DERBY

A Sweepstake of 5 sovs each for all acceptors, with 50 sovs added by the Club. Two sovs forfeit. For three-year-olds bred in Vincent, Lake and Maniototo Counties. Derby weights: Colts, 8st 10lbs; Fillies, 8st 5lbs. No allowance for geldings. Second horse to receive 20 per cent. of the stakes, and the third to save his stake. Distance, one mile and a half.

Nominations to be sent to the Secretary on or before the 24th day of May next; balance of sweep, £3, to be made good on night of general entry.

Declaration of forfeit to be made to the Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 9th day of November, 1880, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake.

GEO. JENOUR, Secretary.

K. P. R. E. T. S. C. H.
CROMWELL,
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

E. MURRELL,
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,
Has just received, per English Mail, another consignment of SILVER HUNTING LEVER WATCHES direct from the can with confidence recommend them to the public both as regards finish and accuracy of adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be excelled in the colony.



R. G.'s Mill being under the management of a Miller of wide experience, the public can depend upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best quality, and can offer it at as cheap a rate and upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

N O T I C E
On and after this date, POISON will be LAID for DOGS and RABBITS on Mount Pisa and Queensberry Runs.

H. F. WILLMOTT,

Manager.

Mount Pisa Station, April 2, 1880.

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JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.
THE AUSTRALIAN LITHOFRAC-
TEUR AND DYNAMITE CO.
(KREBS' PATENT.)

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO., Having accepted the above Company's Agency or New Zealand, direct the attention of Railway and other Contractors, Miners, and Quarrymen to the enormous advantages derived from the use of these STRONGEST EXPLOSIVES MANUFACTURED.

For Mining, Quarrying, Blasting in hard or soft rock, and for Submarine Works (Krebs' Patent being the only manufacture insoluble) it is invaluable.

The SUPERIOR STRENGTH of these COLONIAL EXPLOSIVES has been proved by experts to be 15 to 20 per cent. stronger than any imported Dynamite, while the present price renders it cheaper than blasting powder.

Price—1 case, 2s 9d per lb.

5 " 2s 6d "

10 " 2s 3d "

Delivery to be taken from Magazine.

DALGETY, NICHOLS, AND CO.

Bond-street, Dunedin.

N.B.—Supplies may be obtained from

D. A. JOLLY & CO., Cromwell.

W. JENKINS, Arrowtown.

Miscellaneous.

R. AND A. J. PARK,
SURVEYORS, LAND AGENTS,
SHARE AND MONEY BROKERS,
SAVINGS BANK BUILDINGS,
HIGH-STREET, DUNEDIN.
Land Office business transacted.

MONEY TO LEND AT CURRENT RATES.

J OHN S M I T H
begs to intimate to the Public that he
HAS OPENED

Those
WELL-KNOWN AND COMMODOUS STABLES
(Late Starkey and Scally's),
And hopes, by attention and civility, to merit a fair share of public patronage.

BUGGIES & SADDLE HORSES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

HORSES BROKEN IN, &c.

P. B U T T E L & C O . S
FLOUR MILLS,
NEAR ARROWTOWN,
Supply First-class

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN AND POLLARD.

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dispatch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed, cannot be excelled in the Colony.

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,
OPHIR.

J. C. JONES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surrounding districts that, having now completed the above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with machinery on the most improved principle, he is prepared to supply

SILLK-DRESSED FLOUR
of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

WAKATIP FLOUR & OATMEAL
MILLS, LAKE HAYES.

ROBERT GILMOUR • PROPRIETOR.

The Proprietor begs to announce to the public that, owing to the increased demand for Oatmeal, he has now completed considerable improvements on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to supply a first-class article at a most reasonable rate.

R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a Miller of wide experience, the public can depend upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best quality, and can offer it at as cheap a rate and upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

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SWAN BREWERY,

CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER • Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND

General

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that he has removed to

QUARTZVILLE,

where he hopes, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

CROMWELL

VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,
MELMORE STREET.

ROBERT WISHART,
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST,
&c.

Every description of work in connection with Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved principle.

Light shoes 10s.

Draught do. 16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and Cattle Medicines on hand.

IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FARMERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS.

GENERAL BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,
Having removed to the premises recently occupied by R. Wishart (adjoining Bank of New Zealand), begs to inform the public that he is in a position to execute every class of work in a most satisfactory manner at reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department the advertiser has considerable experience, and in these branches can guarantee to suit those who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skilfully treated for all complaints.

Note the Address—

MELMORE STREET, CROMWELL,

Adjoining the Bank of New Zealand.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, AND GENERAL

STOREKEEPERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the regular consignment of Goods suitable to the market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in intimating that they have now on hand, and constantly arriving, full supplies of

WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND

FAMILY GROCERIES

of the very best quality obtainable, and which will be found to compare most favorably as to price with those of any establishment on the Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made arrangements for a constant supply of

FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL

PRODUCE

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills. In this line the firm can offer special value.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they have entered into arrangements for the regular supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an advantage which they feel sure their customers will fully appreciate.

Insurance Companies.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSUR-

ANCE SOCIETY.

RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST LIBERAL TERMS.

JAMES MARSHALL,

Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

[ESTABLISHED

Hotels

KIRTEBURN HOTEL,
ROARING MEG.

T. GORMAN ... Proprietor.

The travelling public will find every comfort and accommodation at this hospitable.

Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

J OHN M A R S H,
BRIDGE HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

VALUE FOR MONEY.

VICTORIA BRIDGE
HOTEL

J. MCORMICK ... Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards) has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

B ANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,

(On the Main Road to the Nevia).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, AND HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

JOHN RICHARDS, PROPRIETOR.

VICTORIA HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,

(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn,) begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

C RITERION HOTEL,
ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. Tohill begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

P ORT PHILIP HOTEL,
SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:

Stabling, per night	... 6s
Single Feed	... 2s
Meals and Bed, each	... 2s
Board and Lodging, per week	30s
Board only	... 20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Litter Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cabs and Ch's: coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

Hotel

B ALLARAT HOTEL,
ARROWTOWN.

Mrs G. B. BOND, Proprietress.

The above Hotel is replete with every convenience and comfort, rendering it eminently suitable for the travelling public, while permanent boarders will find all the comforts of a home.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING

Efficiently managed.

Prize Billiard Table, with all accessories and careful attendance.

Cromwell

E. M'CAFFREY,
PRACTICAL STONEMASTER AND
MONUMENTAL SCULPTOR
QUEENSTOWN.

Monuments, Headstones, Memorial Crosses and Tablets cut to any design.

Stone for Building and Coping supplied according to agreement.

Pillars, suitable for any kind of large building, from 1ft to 20ft lengths, any thickness.

The above can be highly polished.

E. M'CAFFREY would beg to call particular attention to the stone, as the most eminent geologists at the Sydney Exhibition have pronounced the same to be imperishable, having a fine grain and capable of sustaining the finest ornamental work, which cannot be excelled in any part of the world. It is of a bright yellow color, which shows its brilliant nature.

Before building send for a sample of his stone, which will be forwarded per return of post.

Address:

E. M'CAFFREY,
QUEENSTOWN.



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY.

(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

* Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



R. AND W. OLDS,
FAMILY BUTCHERS.

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

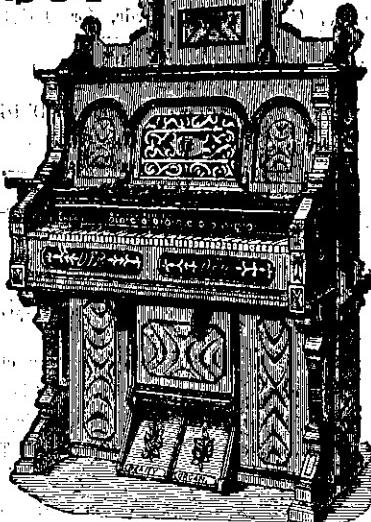
T HOMAS F O O T E,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER
MELMORE TERRACE,
C R O M W E L L.

Choice Selection of Tweeds and Bands.

BEATTY

A 13 Stop Organ
ONLY \$97

15 DAYS TEST TRIAL



J. SOLOMON

IS NOW DISPLAYING HIS

NEW STOCK

OF

AUTUMN & WINTER
DRAPERY, CLOTHING
AND BOOTS.

Personally selected by himself in Dunedin, and purchased, a bargain, for Cash. Consequently he is in a position to Sell Cheaper than any other house in Cromwell.

HE MEANS SELLING CHEAPER
THAN EVER THIS SEASON!

SPLENDID ASSORTMENT

Ladies' and Children's Trimmed Hats
Ladies' and Maids' Seal Hats
Ladies' and Children's Jackets
Ladies' and Children's Ulsters
Ladies' and Children's Muffs and Capes
Ladies' Shawls
Collars and Cuffs
Pompadour Scarfs
And the finest Assortment of

LADIES' COSTUMES

(ALL COLORS)

That ever came into Cromwell!

A VERY LARGE VARIETY OF

WOOL GOODS.

Suitable for the Winter Season for both Ladies and Children.

NEW BLANKETS—Mosgiel and Kaiapoi
NEW WINCEYS NEW CALICOES
NEW MERINOS NEW YARNS
NEW TARTANS NEW FLANNELS
NEW FINGERINGS.

AND AN IMMENSE VARIETY OF
NEW GOODS,
SUITABLE FOR THE SEASON!!

LARGE STOCK OF
MEN'S YOUTHS' & BOYS' CLOTHING.
Flannels, Pants, Half-hose, Hats,
Ties, Scarfs, &c., &c.

The Largest and Best-assorted

STOCK OF BOOTS

In the district. For Ladies', Gentlemen's, Youths', Maids' and Children's, and for price,

J. S. DEFIES COMPETITION!

SADDLES BRIDLES
SADDLE STRAPS MARTINGALES
WHIPS SPURS VALISES.

FANCY GOODS

PATENT MEDICINES

BOOKS—LARGE ASSORTMENT
AND JEWELRY.

J. S. has the name for selling Cheaper than any Storekeeper in the district. He trusts the Public will favor him with a call, and prove the fact.

DON'T FORGET THE ADDRESS:

J. SOLOMON,

OPPOSITE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

LOOK OUT!

FOR

O. CUMMINS.

He will visit the Surrounding Districts regularly with a first-class assorted Stock of Drapery, Clothing, Boots, Fancy Goods, &c., and his instructions are to Sell Cheap. J.S. trusts the public will give him a share of their patronage.

HENRY HOTOP,

Cromwell.

Vincent County Gazette.

BLACKS BRIDGE.

NOTICE.

The public are informed that the NEW BRIDGE over the Manuherikia River, near Blacks, will be OPENED on MONDAY, the 10th of May next, when their attendance is invited.

The Opening Ceremony will commence at 2 o'clock p.m.

VINCENT PYKE,
Chairman.

C A U T I O N !

Applicants for Water Races and Tail Races are hereby notified that where any such Race crosses or traverses any road, a copy of the application must be sent to the County Clerk in conformity with the requirements of the Regulations made under "The Mines Act, 1877," respecting Water Races, &c.; and no person, whether holding a certificate from the Warden's Court or otherwise, will be permitted to proceed with the construction of a Race across or upon any line of road without having first obtained the approval in writing of the County Engineer.

VINCENT PYKE,
Chairman.
Vincent County Offices,
Clyde, April 20th, 1880.

VINCENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

ESTIMATE OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 1881, PREPARED AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 107 OF "THE COUNTIES' ACT 1876."

REVENUE.

Sums Available—	£ . s. d.
Credit Balance in Bank ..	7,013 4 1
Cash in hands of Sub-Treasurer ..	14 17 0
Rates uncollected, 1878-9 ..	46 4 0
" 1879-80 ..	74 10 0
Subsidy due on Rates—1879-80	4,144 19 0
<i>Estimated Receipts—</i>	
Proportion of Land Revenue ..	4,000 0 0
Goldfields Revenue and Gold Duty	4,000 0 0
License Fees ..	1,200 0 0
	20,493 14 1
Additional sum required ..	2,064 15 0
	£22,558 9 1

EXPENDITURE.

Bridges and Roads—Construction of required during ensuing year to meet existing Contracts, as per Engineer's Estimate ..	13,956 14 7
New Works ..	5,100 0 0
Maintenance and Repairs ..	1,000 0 0
Maintenance of Punts ..	1,000 0 0
Salaries ..	1,250 0 0
Unforeseen Contingencies ..	251 14 6
	£22,558 9 1

Total rateable value of rateable property on the Valuation Roll £41,295 0 0

Rate thereon necessary to raise money required, at 1 in the £ .. £2,064 15 0

VINCENT PYKE,
Chairman.
DAVID A. JOLLY,
Treasurer.

Clyde, April 28, 1880.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vincent County Council did, at a meeting held at the Council Chambers, Clyde, on the 28th day of April, 1880, approve of the foregoing Estimate: And NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that it is intended to Make and Levy a GENERAL RATE of One Shilling in the £ upon the values of all Rateable Property within the County, as appears by the Valuation Roll for the time being; that such rate shall be made for the period ending on the 31st day of March, 1881, and shall be payable, in one sum, on the 30th day of May, 1880; and that the particulars of the said rate have been transcribed into a rate-book in form and manner required by "The Rating Act, 1876;" and that such rate-book is kept at the County Offices, Clyde, and is open for inspection by all ratepayers on any week day, except customary holidays, between the hours of two and four o'clock p.m.

GEORGE CLARK,
County Clerk.

County Council Chambers,
Clyde, April 28th, 1880.

CROMWELL KILWINNING LODGE (S.C.)

The REGULAR MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 5th May, at 8 o'clock.

By order of the R.W.M.

R. LOUDON,
Secretary.

V. R.

N O T I C E.

The ELECTORAL ROLL for the District of Dunstan for the year 1880-81 is kept at my office, Court House, Clyde, for PUBLIC INSPECTION.

ARTHUR D. HARVEY,
Registrar of Electors for District
of Dunstan.
Registrar's Office,
Clyde, 1st May, 1880.

V. R.

PRINTING ELECTORAL ROLLS.

TENDERS will be received at my office, Court House, Clyde, until Noon on MONDAY, the 24th day of May, 1880, for Printing the Electoral Roll for the District of Dunstan. They must be addressed to the Registrar of Electors for the District of Dunstan, and marked outside "Tender for Printing Electoral Roll."

CONDITIONS.

1. The number of copies to be printed is two hundred and fifty.

2. The paper, type, and size of pages to be according to sample to be seen at my office.

3. The tender to state the rate per page, which must cover all expenses of composition, presswork, paper, folding and stitching and alterations and corrections in proofs. Blank pages are not to be charged for.

4. Proofs and revises to be furnished in duplicate to the Registrar of Electors, who will return the same to the printer within two days after being received.

5. Should the printing of the Roll not be completed before the 31st day of August, 1880, the contractor shall forfeit the sum of ten shillings for every day beyond that date during which the work shall remain unfinished.

6. Security, to be approved by the Registrar of Electors, to be given for the due performance of the contract.

7. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

ARTHUR D. HARVEY,
Registrar of Electors for District
of Dunstan:

V. R.

THE MINES ACT, 1877.

Notice of Intention to Construct a Water Race.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

To the Mining Registrar, also to the Warden, at Arrow, in the Mining District of Otago Gold Fields, and to all Others whom it may Concern.

TAKE NOTICE that it is intended to construct a Water Race for other than gold-mining purposes—to wit, for irrigation—commencing at a point in Spot's Creek, 30 chains west of main road, Cardrona Valley, and terminating at the Lake County Forest Reserve, under the provisions of Sub-section 1 of Section 31 of "The Mines Act, 1877."

Length of Race is 1½ mile, or thereabouts, and course nearly north-east. Mean breadth, 3 feet. Three months are required to construct said Race, and it is proposed to divert six Government heads of water.

Dated at Arrowtown this 26th day of April, 1880.

THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL,
By their Clerk, P. B. BOULT.

RECEIVED at the office of the Mining Registrar at Arrowtown on this 26th day of April, 1880, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

JAMES FLEMING,
Mining Registrar.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL
Extraordinary Vacancy for Councillor for Macandrew Ward.

In Room of Councillor Scott.

NOMINATIONS for the office of COUNCILLOR for Macandrew Ward will be received at the Court House, Cromwell, at noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of May, 1880.

Dated at Cromwell this 4th day of May, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Returning Officer for Macandrew Ward.

WANTED, a Strong Active LAD, to

Learn the BLACKSMITHING Trade.—

Apply to

ROBERT WISHART,
Cromwell.

PIPECLAY SLUDGE CHANNEL
CO. (LIMITED).

An EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the SCHOOL-HOUSE, Bannockburn on FRIDAY, the 21st day of May, 1880, at 8 p.m.

Business : To make a Call to the amount the Directors may see requisite.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Manager.

CARRICK RANGE WATER-SUPPLY CO. (REGISTERED).

A CALL of 2s 6d per Share has been made Payable at the Company's office, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, May 12th, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Manager.

OTAGO BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

As the Committee desire the co-operation of the public in endeavoring to continue the usefulness of the Institution, I will be happy to receive Donations, in Produce or other articles, towards the forthcoming Bazaar, and forward them to Dunedin.

The benevolence of the public cannot be better bestowed than in befriending the weak and aged.

No gift, however small, will be despised.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Mayor.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

Extraordinary Vacancy for Two Councillors for Bridge Ward.

In Room of Councillors Arndt and Dawkins.

NOMINATIONS for the office of Two COUNCILLORS for Bridge Ward will be received at the Council Chambers, Cromwell, at noon, on THURSDAY, 13th May, 1880.

Dated at Cromwell this 4th day of May, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Returning Officer for Bridge Ward.

SATURDAY, 15TH MAY, 1880,

At 2 o'clock, p.m.

AT THE TOWN HALL, CROMWELL.

MAGNIFICENT FREEHOLD FARM !
200 ACRES
ON THE CELEBRATED HAWEA BLOCK.FOUR-ROOMED DWELLING-HOUSE,
YARDS, GARDEN, &c., &c.

WITHOUT RESERVE

(Unless previously disposed of privately.)

CHARLES COLCLOUGH, favored with instructions from Mrs COOPER, will sell by public auction, on Saturday, 15th May, at the Town Hall, Cromwell, at 2 p.m.,

THE "BLINKBONNY FARM,"

At Hawea Flat, consisting of 200 Acres rich, alluvial soil, 25 acres of which is broken-up and fenced with wire and top-rail.

FOUR-ROOMED DWELLING-HOUSE,
with attachments.

YARDS, SHEDS, &c.

Well-Stocked FRUIT GARDEN, surrounded by trees,

The whole being one of the most desirable properties in the district, either as an investment or for settlement,

TERMS AT SALE.

For private purchase, particulars can be obtained from

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Auctioneer.

Intending purchasers are invited to inspect the property and satisfy themselves of the superior quality of the land, and its adaptability for the production of heavy grain crops.

FORMS OF APPLICATION FOR

PUBLICANS' LICENSES,

ON SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

CROMWELL RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

THE ANNUAL INVITATION BALL

WILL BE HELD ON

Friday, May 28th, 1880.

J. ADAMS,

Secretary.

STRAYED HORSE.

£1 10s REWARD.

STRAYED from Doolen's Creek, one BAY FILLY, black points, Branded J near shoulder. Any one delivering her to J. Leslie, Gibston, or J. Cowan, Kawarau Station, will receive above Reward.

NORMAN M'RITCHIE.

FOR SALE, BY PRIVATE TREATY.

On account of a Dissolution of Partnership between Kum Goon Fong and Co., Storekeepers, Nevis, the following Property is For Sale by private treaty :—

LARGE BUILDING (wood and iron) used as Store and Dwelling, five rooms.

Three-Stalled STABLE, GARDEN and PADDOCK.

Five USEFUL HORSES and Three FOALS.

Also,

Large Fire-proof SAFE.

For particulars, apply to Mong Chong, on the premises, Nevis.

DRAWING-ROOM ENTERTAINMENT.

Mr Newton and Troupe WILL APPEAR,

ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY NEXT,

IN THEIR

ELEGANT & UNRIVALLED DRAWING-ROOM ENTERTAINMENT.

Characters :

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, May 1.

Montague Corry has been raised to the Peerage. Robert Lowe will also be created a Peer.

A tremendous conflagration has occurred at Ottawa, Canada. Thousands have been rendered homeless. The loss is estimated at three million dollars.

Earl Cowper has been appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland.

At the wool sales to-day 10,600 bales were offered, making a total of 111,200 bales catalogued since opening. The tone of the market is quieter and weaker for inferior qualities. The demand is purely speculative.

The Bacchante, with the sons of the Prince of Wales, has returned from her cruise.

By the fall of the theatre at Gilmore's Gardens, New York, hundreds of people were buried, 25 cases proving fatal.

Details of the fighting before Chuznee state that the Afghans, 45,000 strong, had the advantage of position, being posted on eminences commanding the road, but the British heavy artillery caused dreadful havoc. The enemy left 3000 dead on the field. The British loss was 132.

Two days later, they attacked General Stewart, who had taken possession of the city. They were repulsed with great slaughter, 400 being killed. The British loss was trifling.

The Porte is dismissing all English officers who were employed in the late war.

It is stated that the late Government overestimated the Indian revenue by three millions for electioneering purposes.

The Queen hesitated to send for Gladstone, but yielded to persuasions of Granville and Hartington.

The Corporation "park" is being made useful as well as ornamental. A flock of sheep was depasturing therein on Sunday. This may be good for the sheep, but is likely to prove very bad for the trees.

An old Cromwell resident is referred to in the statement of a Southland paper that Thomas Gilmore, settler, Flints Bush, filed a declaration of insolvency on 23rd. Liabilities, £405 10s; assets, £40.

We hear complaints of a number of petty thefts having been committed in town within the past few days. The articles pilfered are of so little value that the miscreant is risking his liberty for very little personal advantage.

Mr D. Morley, of Kawarau Gorge, is erecting a new building of considerable dimensions at the corner of Erris-street, which we believe is intended for a hotel. The three large buildings of Messrs Wishart, Behrens and Morley give the upper end of Melmore Terrace quite an important appearance.

The fashionable amusement in Cromwell and Clyde at present is lawn tennis. Clubs have been formed, and some very enjoyable times are passed by lady and gentlemen residents. A match between the two places was played here on Saturday week, resulting in favor of Cromwell. The return game comes off on Saturday, at Clyde.

The new suspension bridge over the Manuherikia river near Blacks is to be formally opened by the County Chairman on Monday next, and the public are invited to attend. The opening ceremony takes place at 2 p.m., and we believe the district residents have made suitable provision for the (to them) important occasion.

At a special meeting of the Vincent County Council on Wednesday last, it was resolved to hold a conference with the Maniototo on—(1.) The delay in the construction of the Otago Central railway—(2.) The policy of the Government in opening up lands on the gold-fields, under the deferred payment system, instead of adopting the agricultural lease system—where most suitable to the requirements of the district.

At last week's County Council meeting, in reply to a question put by Councillor Jolly, Why interest on fixed deposit was omitted from receipts? The Chairman said it was because of the alteration in the banking arrangements, by which now the overdraft allowed was reduced by £1,000, and the interest on deposit decreased. Under the present arrangement he said it was better to keep their balance in current account rather than place it on deposit. By the steps taken to change bankers the terms had been so altered that the Council would lose £300 a-year on current account, leave alone the loss on fixed deposit.

A dray accident occurred on Sunday to a man named M'Kenzie, employed on the Morven Hills station, by which one of his thighs was broken. M'Kenzie was returning to the station from Cromwell, and on reaching Gravelly Gully—a very bad piece of road—the horses showed an inclination to get the better of the driver, who therefore jumped off the dray to get to the leader's head. Unfortunately his foot caught in the reins, and M'Kenzie fell before the wheel, which passed over leg, with the result stated. The injured man was brought into the Cromwell hospital, where he is now progressing satisfactorily under the care of Dr Stacpoole.

The Education Board met on Thursday last, when Mr T. Fergus took his seat for the first time. Mr Green was elected chairman in place of Mr Fulton, whose other duties prevented him from continuing the office. Among other business transacted we note the following:—The application for a pupil teacher for Clyde school was granted. A recommendation by Mr Petrie for the establishment of a school at Spottis Hundred was agreed to. The Finance Committee recommended that the following works be gone on with out of the current year's votes: Bendigo, new school and residence; Blacks new residence; Clyde, galleries, furniture, and out-houses; Bannockburn, furniture and out-houses; Roxburgh, furniture, outhouses, and completion of buildings.

It is said that a newspaper will shortly be published at Roxburgh, under the title of the *Mount Benger Mail*.

A note may be made of the fact that the offices of Mr S. Turton, solicitor, are two doors below Mr Godger's hotel.

The two men Richardson and Corbett, arrested for swindling at the Auckland races by means of the totalisator, have been sentenced to one month's imprisonment, with hard labor.

Robert Dagg, holder of the Caledonian Society's Champion Belt for wrestling, has decided not to accept the challenge given him by Edward Blackburn. He therefore forfeits the belt to his challenger. Blackburn, though only about 5ft 6in in height, is a wrestler of some mark, having been victorious in the 11 stone contest in the Carlisle ring.

It is unofficially announced from Wellington that the Government are busily engaged preparing bills to be submitted to Parliament during the approaching session. One of the most important of these is a new Licensing Act, embracing the Local Option principle in a modified form. It is stated that the Government are also preparing a new Representation Bill.

We find the subjoined in a recent issue of the *Grey River Argus*:—The Hon. H. H. Lahman, J.P., and E. Masters, Esq., J.P., were engaged for some time yesterday morning in the Resident Magistrate's Court in endeavoring to adjust the marital differences in the case of Drury v. Drury, whereby the plaintiff, who had not been married more than three weeks, sought to be restrained from her "lord and master's" violence. Ultimately, after a deal of recrimination on both sides, the case was dismissed with a caution.

Latest telegrams from the Waimate Plains is assuring. It is stated that steady progress is being made with the roadmaking which has now been carried on quietly more than a quarter of a mile into Te Whiti's special Parihaka territory. The camp is not yet moved, but new road lines will be cut so as to bring about as speedily as possible the meeting of the roads, which Te Whiti is reported to have said would never take place. His followers now deny that he ever used these words.

The Otago Education Board at its meeting last week adopted a resolution—"That in the opinion of this Board it is desirable that provision should be made by which teachers should have the power, subject to the approval of their committees, of refusing to allow the return to the school of any children belonging to a family suffering from any infectious disease until a doctor's certificate shall be produced certifying that they may be safely admitted."

We desire to caution our readers that a number of spurious Union Bank five pound notes are now in circulation. Some ingenious individual has conceived the idea of erasing the "one" on the one pound notes and substituting "five." As the body or ground-work of each note consists of innumerable little words "one pound" or "five pounds" as the case may be, a close scrutiny would at once reveal the imposition; though at a first glance the note might appear genuine.

Reporting on the progress made by Mr J. McCormick with the Kawarau bridge—an important link between the Cromwell and Wakatipu districts—the *Arrow Observer* says:—The two piers or turrets on the western side are completed, and the masonry used will, we are confident, compare very favorably with any similar work in New Zealand. The immense cap-stones, weighing 2½ tons each, are finely dressed and look very proportionate in their positions. Most of the stone courses for the eastern turret are already quarried and dressed; and, if frost does not seriously interfere with the setting, these should be in position in a very few weeks. The cables and all other material are at hand, so that, barring accidents, the contractor should be able to complete the work within the contract time.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not identify ourselves with the opinions expressed by correspondents.]

AN INQUISITIVE RATEPAYER.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—Councillor Jolly is reported at the last meeting of the County Council to have asked the Chairman "Why interest on fixed deposit was omitted from receipts?" In reply the Chairman made the necessary explanation.

I have no desire at present to comment upon the explanation, although, if true, it is enough to damn the reputation of Councillor Colclough as a member of the Council, seeing that he was the cause of the change in financial matters; but what I do want to know is the position which Councillor Jolly occupies in the Council. Is he or is he not the County Treasurer? If he is the Treasurer, why should he, of all others, require to ask such a stupid question in reference to a statement of receipts which he himself was supposed to have drawn up?

Our northern councillors stand truly in an untenable position, and, in my opinion, should take some steps to get out of it. Councillor Colclough was accused of causing a loss to the County of, at least, £300 a-year, and the other, apparently, voluntarily occupies the position of a dummy Treasurer.

It was last year I think when the County Engineer was temporarily off duty that Cr Pyke amused himself by spending the County money on approaches to Clyde Punt, turning the river at Bendigo Bridge, and making a mess of things generally, and now, it appears, he has turned Treasurer. Will the Councillors never assert themselves, and confine this versatile Chairman of ours (whose ambition grasps at everything from the command of "H. M. S. Pinafire" to the engineering of a culvert over the Lauder Creek) to his own proper duties of the County?

And I say, Mr Editor, will yourself or some other competent person not undertake to lift the curtain and let in a little daylight on the doings of our most respected Council? It would greatly edify every

COUNTY RATEPAYER.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

From all we can learn from the various mining centres of this district, the general prospects of the mining industry are very healthy. Sluicers and refiners alike are pushing on to make the most of the open season, and realise on the work of the past few months. At Nevis this is especially the case, as the advent of the winter in that region gives little premonitory warning, and the ice king speedily locks up both water and tail-races.

From Bendigo, the Cromwell Co. last week lodged to its credit the usual monthly cake, weighing 168 ozs from 163 tons of stone. It is possible that during the winter months crushing will not be so much looked to in this mine as opening out fresh fields for spring operations at the battery, on account of the large outlay necessary for supply of coal, which has to be carted from Bannockburn, a distance of close on 20 miles. It is highly satisfactory to note that the croakings indulged in in certain quarters with respect to the Bendigo mine have not been, nor are likely to be, verified.—We have heard that a party of Chinese have discovered a very likely reef in the vicinity of Rise and Shine Gully, Bendigo, but details have not reached us. Other parties are on the look-out in the same locality, so that it is not unlikely we may soon be in a position to announce some substantial results. It can scarcely be that the Cromwell Co. has a monopoly of payable reefs at Bendigo.

Within the last two days three cakes of gold, the produce of crushings from the reefs on the Carrick, have been brought down to Cromwell. The first was Mr W. Radford's, from his claim at the head of Adam's Gully, and crushed at his battery (late Young Australian). The amount of stone crushed was about 100 tons, which gave a return of 120ozs. As Mr Radford got all the stone himself within the last few months, besides doing a large amount of dead work, he seems to have a property which, when opened out and worked systematically, should prove highly remunerative.

Williams and party (Last Chance claim) have also completed a crushing of 180 tons, which yielded over 140ozs, or an average of 15½dwt per ton. As the stone is easily obtained, and the cost of carting to the mill small, this should pay very well. Since purchasing the battery the party has expended a large sum in putting it into thorough working order, and effecting several improvements. This crushing was from near the surface, where the reef does not contain so much base metals as at a greater depth. They intend now to take out a crushing from the lower level, and send a quantity of the tailings to the School of Mines, Ballarat, to be treated by Denny and Roberts' lately invented machine (noticed in this paper a few weeks ago.) As the inventors profess to be able, by this process, to save 90 per cent. of the gold, their machines should be invaluable in cases similar to that of Williams and Edwards.

Rintoul and Latimer have also had a crushing of about 50 tons from the reef lately found by them in the old Heart of Oak claim. This also gave a return of 15½dwt per ton. The party is now pushing on to get another crushing if possible before winter. Owing to the Star mill being stopped, the stone had to be carted to Quartzville, making a difference of 7s per ton in the cost of carriage to the mill.

The Star of the East Co. has not yet resumed work, and speaking of Denny and Roberts' invention, it should offer a good opportunity for the company to raise money by treating the great quantity of tailings lying at the battery. We believe samples of the tailings have been sent to Victoria, and treated by the Wheeler's pans method, the result being that the samples sent averaged from 6 to 7dwt per ton.

The good news from the Carrick Range is not confined to reefing, as we hear of several parties realising very handsome returns from sluicing claims—notably, Griffiths and party, whose claim is in proximity to the Perseverance Co.'s ground.

Many of the parties sluicing on the Bannockburn are washing up before the frost sets in. Those who have already cleaned up seem satisfied with the out-turn; but we hear of no large yields. After paying a heavy price for the water, men are satisfied if the claims return fair wages. We may say the Bannockburn district appears to have a far better outlook than at this season last year. Water can now be procured, and although there will be some stoppage during the frosty weather, parties can look forward to the spring with a certainty of being able to earn a comfortable subsistence.

We have to acknowledge receipt of "Bradshaw's Investor's Guide" for May.

A Crookston flat settler, Mr Jacob Shearing, this season has about 40 hives of bees, which have produced on an average something like 50 pounds of honey per hive. The only expense attached to this industry has been the providing of the boxes. It is said Mr Shearing will obtain 8d per pound for the honey, or over £60 for the lot.

The knife is still in a mystery—of course it will be understood that by "the knife" is meant that article of cutlery which was found outside the house of the Dewars on the morning of the murder. Our telegrams last week reported of this knife that it had been positively identified as one which had disappeared from the Pier Hotel within a day or so of the date of the murder. The servant girl at the Pier, who had been able to swear to the knife as the one lost from that establishment, has now found another that she believes is the missing one, and so, of course, has to take back all she previously said.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

A Government inspection of the Cromwell Rifles took place on the evening of Wednesday last—inelastic weather prevented the muster being so good as it should have been. After inspection, Capt. Brown, commanding the District, presented the prizes won by the Cromwell men in the District firing, (as also cup won by Volunteer Aitken on St. Patrick's Day) and took occasion to compliment the Company on the high position it had attained in the competition in winning one-half the total prize-money as well as the District cup and officers' medal. He also referred to the protest entered by M Battery, Queenstown, stating that it had received every consideration at his hands, but from his own personal knowledge of the conduct of firing by the Cromwell corps, and report of Capt. Jenkins on behalf of the Arrow Company, there were no grounds for sustaining the protest. He was aware that a good deal of feeling had been engendered by reason of this protest, but he hoped it would all be forgotten and that the District Volunteers would work together in harmony, as therein lay their strength. Besides, Queenstown Company was quite justified in protesting if they had reason to believe the proceedings were in any way unfair. He (Capt. Brown) regretted he had not been able to present the other prizes in the District, so that he might have had opportunity to offer similar remarks to the other companies.

After parade a meeting of the Company was held, the principal business of which was to consider the form of anniversary this year, and to select a team to proceed to Arrow to compete for Capt. Brown's medal. The five men selected to represent the local Company were—Lieuts. Jolly and Colclough, Sergts. Graham and Story, and Vol. Aitken, with Corp. Menzies as emergency man.—It was resolved to celebrate the anniversary by an invitation Ball, and the commissioned and non-commissioned officers were appointed to carry out details.

A considerable degree of interest is being evinced throughout the Volunteer District in the result of the match at Arrow on Saturday first, when a representative team from each Company will meet to fire for a medal presented by the officer commanding the District. This is the first occasion opportunity has been offered for the best marksmen in the respective companies to meet on common ground, all previous competitions between them having been at home butts. This very properly has not been looked upon as a fair test of the merits of the competitors, and hence the special interest attached to next Saturday's proceedings. The teams comprise five men each, and the ranges and conditions are identical with those for the District prizes, viz., 200 (8-in. bull's-eye) 400 and 500 yards, seven shots at each, any position throughout. The competitors are to appear on the range in the uniform of their respective companies. We understand that the men selected are in steady practice at home butts, so that with favorable weather there should be some tall scoring. The Cromwell team will consist of Messrs Jolly, Colclough, Aitken, Graham, and Story, with Menzies as emergency man. P. Thomas would have been a safe man in the team, as also Gudgeon, but they find it impossible to leave business. But doubtless those selected will give good account of themselves.

CABLE NEWS
FROM YESTERDAY'S DUNEDIN PAPERS.

LONDON, April 30.

Mr Joseph Chamberlain has been appointed President of the Board of Trade, not Sir H. E. Chamberlain, as formerly telegraphed.

At the wool sales to-day 1700 bales were offered, making a total of 93,200 catalogued since the opening. The tone of the sale was quiet, but steady.

Parliament met to-day after the Ministerial crisis. New members were sworn in, and the Right Hon. H. B. W. Brand was again elected Speaker of the House of Commons.

Lord Carlingford has declined the Ambassadorship at Constantinople.

Mr Farer Herschel, Q.C. (the member for Durham), has been appointed Solicitor-General.

At the wool sales to-day 12,000 bales were offered, making a total of 94,400 bales catalogued since the opening. The tone of the market was in favor of buyers.

The English and American harvests are reported as being favorable.

Lord O'Hagan has been appointed Chancellor of the House of Peers.

Search having been made for the training ship *Alatana*, no further trace of her could be found.

The Oamaru papers mention the following names as the probable candidates for contesting the seat in the House of Representatives, just vacated by Mr Hislop: Messrs John Reid (of Elderlee), W. H. S. Roberts, W. L. Rees, J. S. Holme, D. Sutherland, and J. M'Lean. Mr Feldwisk, the defeated candidate of Invercargill and Geraldine, is also mentioned by some.

Holloway's Pills are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperates. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills, the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. *Holloway's* medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which, in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigor to every tissue of the body.

OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. No. II.

Bible-reading in schools is still a vexed question, and will probably remain so. The Act as introduced contained a clause sanctioning this proceeding as part of the school duties. The Assembly struck it out, and refused its re-admission upon an amendment of the Council. It is difficult to define what is the general opinion upon the subject. In Otago, reading it before school hours; in Wellington, an attempt to get a part of the school hours; in Canterbury, the following resolution was carried by 25 to 5 votes, viz., "That the Bible should be read without comment during school hours," with a provision that parents, &c., may object to children attending while it is being so read. One opinion is, however, general—that the schoolmaster should not be called upon to explain the meaning of any of the portions read. Some have gone so far as to advocate "that the historical books of the Bible should be included in the term 'history,' as ordered to be taught by the Education Act. These propositions always find supporters, and the committee elections are much influenced by these views. It will be some years ere the battle ceases to rage, and the Bible no longer be used as a kind of standard around which the contending parties attack or defend and rally their forces. At present that Book is an apple of discord in the system. Very little has been said at any of the meetings about the historical books used for teaching purposes, and it may be presumed that all concessions have been made that can be advantageously conceded. We are afraid that these are already too many, seeing that it is optional for children to attend the history class. The Kindergarten system of teaching has met with approval in Wellington and Christchurch, and in any amendment of the Education Act this system of teaching will be recognised. It was hardly mentioned in Dunedin, though both there and at Invercargill schools conducted upon that principle are established. In Canterbury the schools under that method have, so far, proved successful, and like results are being obtained in Wellington. The question of holidays evoked more or less discussion, the opinion being that they are too numerous, and that the number of them to be granted should, in the first instance, be determined by the District Board, leaving to the local school committees the special allotment of them. Some such change is absolutely necessary, for in some places one-fourth of the year—reckoning each week of attendance at five days—is taken up by these holidays. As a matter of fact, they are too numerous. The division of an education district into electoral districts was advocated at the Canterbury conference, and a resolution in favor of a change in that direction carried. It was contended that members of the Board should be the representatives of localities—say, for example, of counties, or sub-divisions of a county, these returning a member or members, according to population, number of schools, &c. It must be admitted by all that the present system of all school committees voting does not act well. For one thing, it destroys the interest that should surround each member of the District Board; besides, members are not responsible to any particular body, nor do they represent any particular view. It is singular that none of these bodies paid attention to the important matter of an education tax, or the payment of school fees. It would be difficult to levy the latter of these in the face of compulsory attendance at schools, and a great change must take place in the opinion of the General Assembly before it will root up the system of free education. The granting of reserves to high schools, and the transfer of buildings, glebes &c., has rendered any sweeping change almost impossible. The system is, however, capable of amendment and improvement, but there is little likelihood of the present Act being repealed, and another course of action defined by a new measure. An educational tax may yet be levied. That is practicable, but then it would not imply free education. Another point passed over is the practical ignoring of a clause intended to benefit "outlying districts," where, from the scattered nature of the population, it is not practicable to establish a public school. The 88th section of the Act in such cases allows "the Board to appoint itinerant teachers," or "to assist schools started by private enterprise." This clause seems to be little known or understood in the quarters it was intended to benefit. We can readily understand that it is one that does not rank high in the estimation of the school boards and inspectors of schools, but, nevertheless, it is a useful provision.

We have now taken a bird's-eye view of the position, or the chief points of it. We have intentionally made no allusion to many matters that have been mooted, such as salaries of teachers, the syllabus, the line of demarcation of the teaching powers of the primary schools in reference to that of the high schools, and these again in reference to preparations for a university education. It will be patent to our readers that to fully discuss any of the points referred to in this and a previous article, a series of articles dealing with the several subjects mentioned is required. We do not think any commensurate benefit would arise if we were to set ourselves to the task of examining the pros and cons of each. This part of the matter is more suited for the columns of a daily paper or for a fuller review in the pages of a magazine. At the same time this passing reference to the views held in several large centres, the which are possessed of large educational institutions, may prove useful

in presenting to the casual reader the information that he may not himself be able to directly obtain. The importance of carrying out a more perfected system of national education will we think be denied by none, and therefore any light that can be let in upon the subject or any information diffused connected therewith should prove of some value, however slight.

BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting of the Cromwell Borough Council was held on Friday evening. Present—The Mayor, Crs Stuart, Olds, Goodger, Murrell, Behrens, and Pretsch.

Minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed,

Correspondence, outward, was read and approved. It comprised letter to Mr E. Murrell, asking whether he was willing to forgo occupation of part of section 1, block 27, on his improvements being submitted to valuation.—To the Minister of Justice, respecting the condition of present cemetery trust, and the proclamation of new cemetery reserve, also suggesting that the Borough Council be gazetted as trustees of same.—To the County Chairman we read from Cromwell to the hospital, suggesting that the road be made by the County authorities without delay, and the question as to whether the Borough or the County is liable to be submitted to the Government. [The Mayor explained that the question of liability hinged on the position of the town belt—whether it should be included within the Borough bounds or in the County—which latter he (the Mayor) maintained.]

A letter was read from Mr Murrell accepting the Council's proposition to submit his property to valuation, and naming Mr G. Aitken to act on his behalf.

(A ratepayer here asked whether the course the Council was adopting with regard to Mr Murrell was meant to apply as a general principle with all occupants of section 1, block 27?—The Mayor replied that Mr Murrell's was a special case, but no doubt the Council would agree to deal with other occupants.)

The Council then proceeded to deal with tenders for the formation and kerbing of footpath on south side of Melmore Terrace.

Before opening tenders, Mr J. Dawkins, as a ratepayer, requested leave to make a remark, which was granted. Mr Dawkins then proceeded to direct the Council's attention to past resolutions respecting Mr Murrell's rent, but was ruled out of order. He then went on to say that the Council should pitch the main road above Mr Stuart's before they went on with footpaths that were not so urgently required.

Mr J. Scott then desired to speak on the subject of tenders, but the Mayor declined to hear him, and the Council resolved into Committee to consider and deal with tenders.

On resuming, Committee recommended the acceptance of the tender by Messrs Pierce and Hayes, which was adopted. There were four tenders, at per chain, as follows:—Pierce and Hayes, £6 10s.; M. Sharoe, £6 16s.; D. Cockburn, £9 7s.; L. Arthur, £9 19s. 6d.

Before the meeting closed, Cr Pretsch referred to the difficulty in getting ratepayers to fill the vacancies at the Council table. The continual advertising was expensive, and it must give people outside a very queer notion of the public spirit of the ratepayers. Was it not possible to reduce the Wards of the Borough, so that less than nine Councillors would do?

The Mayor referred to the Act, and read therefrom that there could not be less than three Wards in a divided borough, and in no case less than nine Councillors. He quite agreed with the remarks made by Cr Pretsch, but the law on the matter was very clear.

ARROW TOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

May 3.

The season for the winter cleaning-up in our larger claims has commenced, and several fair samples of coarse, nuggety gold have come to hand. I have been shown a parcel that could hardly be excelled in the most palmy days of the rush for size and number of the larger lumps, showing that the supply of the precious metal though it has fallen off is by no means exhausted. Amongst the larger cleanings-up, that from Grierson and party's claim at Branch Creek, Cardrona, takes the first rank. 211oz. as the result of six months work for four men is by no means to be despised, this averages about £7 per week per man.

At the Macetown reefs the busy season is drawing to a close, but, in a greater number of claims than in former years, preparations are now being made for wintering at the reefs, and continuing the work throughout the frosty season. The Main Lode Company at Advance Peak have made every preparation for a severe and protracted winter, at, as already mentioned in a former letter, a lower level than the works commenced near the peak some months ago. The Gladstone Co. expect to put about 100 tons of stone from their vertical reef through the mill before winter sets in, which, if they succeed in doing will give their reef a good trial. The Ladye Fayre is still driving on the reef, but owing to the Maryborough battery being fully occupied with stone from the Maryborough and Gladstone mines, and the road to the Public Battery not being quite completed, cannot get any of their output tested in bulk this season.

The Victor Emmanuel contractors have nearly completed the 100ft they undertook to add to the Co's lower adit. It appears that the perseverance of this Company, who have spent more money in prospecting their property than any other at Macetown, is to be shortly rewarded, as some fair samples of gold-bearing stone have been met with. Every effort will be made by the Co. to get as many tons of stone through the mill of the All Nations Company, which is conveniently situated at the tunnel mouth of the Victor Emmanuel Co., before the frost sets in, as possible.

The erection of an additional battery at the Homeward Bound Co., is now fast nearing its completion, and it is likely that its macerating power will yet be tested before King Frost imposes his interdict. The Company is to be congratulated on the tide of prosperity that has set in in its favor, and there is now every probability of its taking a first-rate position as a dividend-paying concern.

The season now drawing to an end has added proof of the varied resources of this district. Messrs Innes, Walker, and Foord have grown grapes of good size and full and delicious flavor, and Mr G. Heller produced some cucumbers and tomatoes, which connoisseurs who acquired a taste for these delicacies in Victoria, pronounce as unrivaled. In the humbler species of necessities something really surprising has also been achieved. Mr P. Butel is exhibiting two potatoes of regular and rounded shape, showing that they are not the result of an amalgamation of a number of small ones, weighing 4lb. They were grown on a piece of ground near Mr Butel's Arrow Flour Mills. The total crop is estimated to reach a yield of not less than 20 tons per acre. Similar accounts of extraordinary crops reach here from Cardrona, where single specimens of the tuber turned the scales at 7lb.

Wheat crops too are after all turning out better than was first anticipated. Mr Roche, Lake Hayes, was rewarded with a crop averaging near 50 bushels to the acre for a 20-acre paddock, and other fair returns are heard of from various parts of the district.

The local Good Templars have decided to celebrate their anniversary about the end of this month, probably on Queen's Birthday, by a tea-meeting and concert, and the Volunteers are also credited with an intention of catering for the entertainment of the public by arranging a Volunteer Ball, so that the winter of our discontent will be made as glorious as circumstances will permit.

Mr T. Newton gave a performance for the joint benefit of the Arrow District Hospital and the Arrow Athenaeum, in which he was assisted by a number of amateurs. Considering the short space for preparation the several farces and concerted pieces went off very well. The Hall was fairly filled and the audience appeared very much amused.

QUEENSTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

May 3.

A very severe shock of earthquake took place on Thursday, about 2.40, a.m. Owing to the early hour, it passed unobserved by a good many; a number of people, however, were awakened by the rattling of household goods. Doors and windows made quite a clatter, and a kind father sent one of his children to shut a door, which, however, was found to be locked. The local paper generally records these affairs, but did not notice this very distinct and rather lively one.

Unwittingly the *Mail* has been led to announce that quail shooting commenced last Saturday. This is incorrect, the proper date for the slaughter of the innocents not commencing before the first of June next. The matter is mentioned because it was thought by many eager sportsmen that a new proclamation had been issued changing dates. Some persons may unthinkingly accept the announcement and "pepper away" at the birds, and any contradiction that can be given may prove a timely warning.

Yesterday another very large trout was found dead on the park beach. The cause of death is now very clear. The fish attempted to ascend the town creek, but cannot do so. If they succeed in getting over the mud bar at the mouth of it, they are soon stopped by the dam at Davies' brewery. Into the race below this is emptied the washings of the beer casks, and as lime is used by all brewers for sweetening them, the water, so impregnated, flows again into the creek. To this has to be added the impurities cast into or drained into it in its passage through the town. The water is not therefore so pure as it ought to be, and the trout are thus met by a deadly foe. The loss being sustained is a public one, and the local society will no doubt move in the matter, and abate the evils as far as possible.

The Library Committee held a meeting last week. They are about £130 in debt, and the mortgagee, or the person to whom the money is owing, is asking for payment. It was resolved to try and raise this money elsewhere at a rate of interest not exceeding 10%. It was also proposed by one sanguine member to apply to the County Council to take up the debt, but the proposition, though entertained, is not likely to result in anything favorable. A resolution was carried thanking the proprietor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS for his kindness in printing some cards for the use of the institution. These set forth that the library is open to tourists and others visiting the district on certain liberal terms. The cards are very tastefully done in gold and colors, and the committee

was much pleased with them—perhaps the more so because they are a free gift to the institution. They have led to many visitors accepting the conditions offered. No one has yet made the proposition that the institution be made a "public library" in accordance with the Act passed under that title. In the event of the vote of the citizens being favorable to that change, the institution would be supported by a small rate, Government contributions, as before, and by subscriptions. It may be that this "city" is not of sufficient size or importance yet to aspire to a public library, but if it is to become a "great inland centre" a movement in this direction will, one day or another, be necessary.

The County Council meet some day this month, having to hold a special statutory meeting in accordance with section 134 of the Counties Act. At that meeting the question of building a County hall will be discussed. The proposal is causing some comment. Many of the ratepayers do not approve of the expenditure of so much money (£1,500) in this direction. These think that the Council should continue to rent from the Library Committee the fine room they now meet in, and for which they pay £30 per annum. The Arrow people also oppose this expenditure, so that altogether a topic, if not a grievance, is "on the board." It would be ridiculous to style it a burning question, but it affords a peg in these dull times upon which to hang a little sensational talk spicy with envy and all manner of insinuations. The Council passed a resolution that the Town Hall, or some other building, should be secured at a cost not exceeding £1,100. Conditions were left to a sub-committee, with power to act. In fact, they were left to do what they deemed best, and thus reading the resolution, and attending to the instructions given at the last Council meeting, they have purchased a site, obtained plans and will recommend that tenders be called for the erection of the building. If the councillors after debate choose to give such large powers to a sub-committee of three members (who reside and have business places in this town), they must expect to find themselves as a body fully committed to the work. The arguments that it will give employment to artisans, that it will set off the Court-house, survey offices, library, school, and the approach to the town, are capital soothing ones in this quarter, but they are as a draught of gall and wormwood in the Arrow portion of the County. So your Cromwell readers will see there is more room to walk round this "vexed" subject than there was (say, for instance), over that "shindy" of yours as to right of occupation of block IX.

Mr Finn, M.H.R., has not yet addressed his constituents. The local papers have not said a word about this forgetfulness of the honorable member of a portion of his election promises. It is not because his constituents here are not anxious to meet him, as nearly every one who expresses an opinion upon the matter considers it highly necessary that a time-honored custom should be observed. It must be for some good and grave reason that silence reigns, when formerly members were censured for even delaying the performance of this duty.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

LONDON, April 27.

Mr Gladstone experiences difficulty in the formation of the new Ministry, owing to some prominent Radicals having claimed portfolios.

At the wool sales to-day 8700 bales were catalogued, making a total of 70,200 bales since the opening. Prices were firmly maintained.

SR. PETERSBURG, April 27.

It is reported that the author of the Winter Palace explosion has been arrested.

CALCUTTA, April 27.

The latest news from Afghanistan announces further fighting at Ghuznee. The hostile tribes were again assuming a threatening aspect, and General Stewart consequently attacked and dislodged them from the heights surrounding Ghuznee. The enemy have retreated to the mountainous country beyond the city. Intelligence has also been received of the resumption of hostilities at Cabnl. The Afghans attacked Generals Jenkins and Macpherson at Char-Asia, but, after heavy fighting, they were repulsed with severe loss. The British loss during the action was trifling.

The Hon. J. Bright has been appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the office which he held in the last Gladstone Administration.

At the wool sales to-day 11,300 bales were offered, making a total of 81,500 bales catalogued since the opening. There was a rather weaker demand for cross-breeds; common to medium qualities being 4d to 1d lower.

LONDON, April 28.

The Right Hon. J. G. Dodson has been appointed President of the Local Government Board, with a seat in the Cabinet. Sir H. E. Chamberlain has been appointed President of the Board of Trade. Mr Grant Duff has been appointed Under-secretary for the Colonies, and Mr Anthony Mundella Vice-president of the Committee of the Council of Education. Sir Henry James has been appointed Attorney-general, and Mr Henry Fawcett has accepted office as Postmaster-general.

Lord Carlingford, formerly Mr Chichester Fortescue, has been appointed British Ambassador at Constantinople, vice Sir A. H. Layard.

Lord Kimberley has accepted office as Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies; Lord John Poyntz Spencer as President of the Council; the Duke of Argyle as Privy Seal; Earl Ripon, Viceroy of India; Sir C. Wentworth Dilke, Foreign Under-Secretary; G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, Secretary to the Admiralty; the Right Hon. W. P. Adam, Public Works. Sir H. E. Chamberlain enters the Cabinet.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

A cavalry corps has been organised in Invercargill under the attractive title of the Southland Hussars.

At Temuka last week, a child about four years old, got hold of a box of matches, and sucked the phosphorous off the ends, poisoning itself. This should be a caution to parents.

Oamaru is in clover; it has got its £100,000 for extended harbor works, and £65,000 for the completion of its waterworks; and the Livingstone railway is to be proceeded with.

Owing to the prevalence of diphtheria at Hokitika, both week and Sunday schools have been closed. Dr Bakewell reports having seen ten cases in one day recently. A number of death have occurred.

A late telegram from the Cape announces that the perpetrator of the extensive robbery of diamonds, out of the mail bags, has been arrested. He is said to be one of the officials connected with the department.

The Victorian Government has received a telegram from Mr Childers resigning his position as chairman of the Board of Advice and as agent for Victoria in London, owing to his acceptance of the Secretaryship of State for War in the new Ministry.

A railway porter named Duffey, aged 55 years, was accidentally killed last week on the railway at Addington, near Christchurch. His son, an engine-driver on the Oxford line, had dreamed that he saw the old man lying across the rails.

Letters have been received in New South Wales confirming the cable news that the late Mr Challis left a will bequeathing £100,000 to the University of Sydney. Two lives will, however, intervene before the sum is available, viz., those of Mrs Challis and Mr Challis' sister.

In the course of an article on the Butler trial, the *North Otago Times* remarks that if Butler had been educated in the Victorian prisons for the law, the bar would have been, in all human probability, enriched by a brilliant pleader and society spared the burden of a grievous criminal.

A notification has been made by the New South Wales Government cancelling the reward offered for the capture of the Kellys at the end of three months, but continuing the pension for the wives and children of the men killed or injured in attempting the capture of the bushrangers.

Mr Hislop, M.H.R., announces his resignation in print. Although for some time it has been understood that this would take place, nothing definite has occurred regarding a successor. A rumor is current that Mr W. L. Rees, of Napier, will contest the seat.

The Kumara paper states that the Government has declined to gazette the Mayor of Kumara as a Justice of the Peace under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1876, on the ground of the incompatibility of the business position he occupies with the duties of a magistrate. The mayor is a publican.

In the Dunedin case of *M. Tondut v. the New Zealand Insurance Company*, in which the jury twice gave a verdict for the plaintiff in the teeth of the Judge's direction, Judge Harvey last week granted a new trial, mulcting plaintiff in the costs of the two previous trials.

The *Taapeka Times* states that the Otago and Extended Company's and Messrs Hale's and Hind's claims, Blue Spur, washed up on Saturday for the fortnight. Making a rough calculation the *Times* says that the two claims mentioned yielded between 700 ounces and 800 ounces of gold, or close upon £3000 in money value.

The colonial article is steadily making way. Coal from the Nightcaps has been tried on the train from Invercargill to Clinton. The engine drew 150 tons, and steam was kept up with ease. There were no clinkers, and the coal answered splendidly. It can be delivered into the railway trucks at 13s per ton.

Freemasons in the colonies will be pleased to learn that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been unanimously re-elected Grand Master for the current year. At the same meeting a sum of £500 was granted towards the Duchess of Marlborough's fund for the relief of the distress in Ireland.

An instance of how dividends are sometimes paid in insolvent estates is thus given by the *North Otago Times*:—"A firm in Oamaru proved in an insolvent estate some time ago, and after waiting patiently at last received the long expected dividend, which dividend amounted to the handsome sum of 1s. A one shilling duty stamp had to be affixed to the proof of debt, and as the trustees were located in a town outside Oamaru, a twopenny stamp was required to carry the necessary form to its destination. In return for all this trouble the grim joke was perpetrated of remitting a cheque for the amount. To be able to turn this into coin of the realm another shilling was required, and twopence more to carry the receipt."

On Friday, April 16th, a telephonic message was sent up from the Lyttelton Heads to the effect that something which appeared to be wreckage was visible about 16 miles north-north-east of the Heads. The Lyttelton was despatched to see what the wreckage was. She returned at about seven o'clock, and reported that the supposed wreckage was a dead whale about 80ft in length. It was very much decomposed, and had the appearance of a vessel on its side, as it rose and fell on the water. It was found 13 miles from the Heads. An immense number of sharks were round the carcase, large pieces of which had been eaten away by them. The effluvia arising from the carcase was reported as being abominable.

GARDEN CALENDAR.

MAY.

Kitchen Garden.—This is the first month of Winter, and it is a favorable time for making any alterations contemplated, such as the forming and graveling of paths, and the preparing for and planting of live fences, which succeed best when planted as early as the plants can be moved with safety. Plant thorn quicks six inches apart; holly, twelve inches; privet, sweetbriar, and broom, nine inches apart. Thorn quick hedge-rows that have made one year's growth, if strong, should now be cut down close to the ground; but if weak, this important operation should be deferred until after the second year's growth is made. The cutting down of thorn quicks tends to thicken them at the root, and the growth for years after will be more vigorous than if they had only received a partial cutting. Plant rhubarb, asparagus, and sea kale in deep, rich, moist ground; but make provision for the escape of stagnant water. Top-dress asparagus beds with short manure. Plant rhubarb, and apply manure to former plantings. Plant globe artichokes; also cabbage and cauliflower. Sow peas, beans, and radish in sheltered places. Keep weeds down by every possible means.

Fruit Garden.—Get ground in readiness for the planting of fruit trees and bushes. It is not advisable to bring up the subsoil to the surface by trenching, but it ought to be well loosened to the depth of two feet. Trees planted towards the end of this month will succeed better than those planted later in the season. Prune when the trees and bushes have shed their leaves—not before. Plant strawberries and raspberry canes. Where it is intended to make new plantations of fruit trees, the ground should be dug and prepared for their reception at once. There is always a little root action at the time of the fall of the leaf, and trees planted at that time become established at once, and have a great advantage over those planted in spring. Another reason for early planting is that the pick of all the best trees is then obtainable, which is not at all times sufficiently considered; and as to position, stone fruits, as the peach, almond, cherry and plum, should have the driest and lightest soils, and the pear and apple, with cobnuts and filberts, succeed on heavier soils. These remarks apply chiefly to variable or sloping situations, otherwise they do well when planted promiscuously.

Flower Garden.—This department will still be interesting. The chrysanthemum, which is one of the finest Autumn flowers we have, and which thrives amazingly here, is now in bloom. If a little attention be paid to arranging the plants as to height and color, giving them a sheltered border, no flower will be more attractive at this season. Plant bulbs of crocus, narcissus, hyacinth, jonquil, tulip, &c. Gather and dry flower seeds. Choice trees and shrubs can now be transplanted with safety—such as the rhododendron, laurustinus, pyrus japonica, cypress, the laurel, cedar, and pine trees. There are many pretty native shrubs very ornamental when cultivated, and which are deserving of more attention than is generally bestowed on them.

Incendiary at Napier.

There was great sensation in Napier, on April 26th, over the discovery that the corporation offices had been set on fire. It was found that about a gallon of kerosene had been poured over the floor and table and the books kept by a clerk named Shaw, while some empty bottles which had contained kerosene were standing in a corner. It was beyond doubt the work of an incendiary, who was determined to burn the building down, for the cocoa-nut matting in the public room, as well as that in the Mayor's office, was well soaked with oil. The fire was just discovered in time, and had evidently not been burning long. The police set to work to make inquiries, and found that it was the annual audit day, and the fact that a number of rate books and counter foils had been pulled down from a shelf, and, after the oil had been poured over them, ranged round Shaw's books in open order, so that they would readily burn, directed suspicions to him. He was in the office, and was most active in suggesting theories to account for the fire, pointing out footmarks on a table below a window which nobody else could see. At last he seemed to become conscious that suspicion pointed to him, and at once he went to the Mayor and confessed that he had embezzled money, belonging to the corporation, and had falsified the books to hide his defalcations, but he denies having set the place on fire. The police have since discovered that Shaw purchased kerosene in the bottles, which were found in the room, from Many and Co.'s on Saturday. Shaw is well connected, and has hitherto borne a good name; he was at one time a runholder in the country, but for several years past has been in the employ of the Corporation. About six months ago, he was rate collector, and it is supposed that the defalcations have occurred since then. He states that he has no idea how much he has embezzled, and it will take several days for the auditors to find it out, though several specific embezzlements have already been discovered. Shaw has a wife and large family, and much sympathy is expressed for them. He has never lived in a fast manner, and nothing occurred to rouse suspicion before the fire. The general belief is that he got gradually into debt, and on being pressed by tradesmen took the money from the rates, and then altered the books to correspond with the amounts paid in. His salary was over £200 a year.

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The Totalisator in Trouble.

The circumstances under which the two totalisators were seized at Auckland and two men connected with their working were arrested, are stated to be as follows:—During the morning it was said that one of the totalisators had been tampered with, but in the afternoon the police were informed of great swindling in connection with one of these machines. They were informed that in the St. George's Handicap four tickets had been taken and four members registered on the totalisator, that when the four people who put money on King Quail came to the totalisator for their money they found the numbers had been altered to fourteen. The proprietors of the machine offered them each one-fourteenth instead of one-fourth of the net proceeds. The two operators are accused of having put the total up to 107 to make the numbers tally; but the speculators were backed up by an indignant public, and would not have it, and there was a great row. The stewards were called and the police sent for. As Inspector Pardy was seen approaching, the totalisator proprietor offered to pay the four their fourth and proper share of the pool, which was £53. The alteration from four to fourteen would have left the institution the nice sum of £36 over and above the commission they were entitled to. Inspector Pardy, Sergeant Mason, Detective Jeffrey, and other members of the force came up to the spot at double quick march, and surrounded the totalisator citadel and rushed it. On entering, Mr Felton was found engaged inside fulfilling the duties of clerk, and with Messrs Richards and Corbett, he was at once arrested, together with the instruments, tickets, stamps, and appendages necessary to the true and faithful distribution to the public of tickets on their totalisator. There was also a bag of money seized. Amidst great tumult they were incarcerated in the lock-up. After the selling race another totalisator storm arose, Mr Adams was alleged to have added two to his number. The police made another raid, and took possession of the instrument and its manager. This caused a fresh storm of indignation in the public mind.

Rough on Captain Barry.

When the redoubtable and veracious "Captain" Barry shall enrich England literature by the publication of the second edition of his experience of colonial life, no doubt gratitude will prompt him to add a chapter laudatory of the New Zealand Government, and of the Agent-General Sir Julius Vogel. Thanks to the munificence of the late people's Government the "Captain," at the cost of the county, had the pleasure of a free trip to England, it being understood that for the quo of the Government the Captain was to give a *quid* in the form of a few lectures on New Zealand as a field for immigration. These he appears to have delivered, but there can be no doubt that, instead of conferring any benefit on those whose money he was spending the opposite was the case, as his ignorant and exaggerated statements must have brought down the contempt of his audience, not only upon himself, but also on those through whose instrumental opportunity was afforded him of misrepresenting New Zealand, and its inhabitants. Had the Captain remained in England, we should not now have referred to him, but we must protest against the money of the taxpayers being misappropriated in securing him free passage back to the colony. But this was not all. The Agent-General generously supplied the Captain with £8 pocket money, so that he should not be short of cash on his return to "Dunedin." The present Government seems to think that this money could have been better spent, and accordingly issued instructions to one of its officers in Dunedin to interview the Captain and collect the £8. Of course it is unnecessary to say that "the true type of the returned colonist" did not comply with the request, but instead of the money gave his promissory note—which who can doubt will be duly honored—for the amount. The Captain lectures to-night, and we suggest that there should be an immense attendance of appreciative colonists, so that the receipts may be paid into the Treasury, and restitution made for the money which some persons think has been wasted upon the protégé of the Macandrew-Grey Government.—*Morning Herald*.

Attempts on the Life of the Czar.

The following is a chronological statement of the various preceding attempts to assassinate the present autocrat of Russia:—

1860: April 16.—Karakozow attempted to assassinate the present Czar, as the latter was entering his carriage at St Petersburg. The pistol was turned aside by a workman, who was afterwards ennobled for the act. After a long investigation into the origin of the plot, Karakozow was executed on September 15th in the same year.

1867: July 6.—A second attempt on the Czar's life was made in Paris by Berezowski, a young Pole, about 20 years of age. Upon that occasion the Czar, with Napoleon III, was returning from a review, and while the carriage was in the Bois de Boulogne, Berezowski rushed forward and fired a pistol, which, however, being overloaded, burst, and the young man's hand was carried away by the explosion. Berezowski then fell down crying, "Long live Poland!" Both Emperors escaped unhurt.

1879: April 14.—Whilst the Czar was walking near the General Staff Office, St. Petersburg, a man named Ivan Solokoff fired four shots at His Majesty, who, however, escaped unhurt. The perpetrator of the attempt was immediately arrested. He was employed in a provincial branch of the Ministry of Finance.

1879: Dec. 1.—Mine sprung upon a baggage train, mistaken for the train conveying the Imperial party, on the outskirts of Moscow.



N O T I C E .

In pursuance of the 14th Section of the Licensing Act, 1873, Amendment Act, 1874, I HEREBY Give Notice that the Quarterly LICENSING MEETING for the District of Cardrona will be held on FRIDAY, the 25th day of June, 1880, at PEMBROKE, at the hour of Noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration all Applications for Certificates for such Licenses as are authorised to be granted at the said meeting of the Licensing Court, and the Transfer or Renewal or Removal of Licenses, of which due notice shall have been given to me, for the aforesaid district in which the premises in respect of which the application is made are situated respectively.

JAMES FLEMING,
Clerk to Licensing Court.

Office of Clerk to Licensing Court,
Arrowtown, April 12th, 1880.



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In pursuance of the 14th section of the Licensing Act, 1873, Amendment Act, 1874, I HEREBY Give Notice that the Quarterly LICENSING MEETING for the Districts of Cromwell Town and Cromwell District will be held on TUESDAY, the 1st day of June, 1880, in the Court-House, Cromwell, at the hour of Noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration all Applications for Certificates for such Licenses as are authorised to be granted at the said Meeting of the Licensing Court, and the Transfer or Renewal or Removal of Licenses, of which due notice shall have been given to me, for the aforesaid district in which the premises in respect of which the application is made are situated respectively.

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Office of Clerk to Licensing Court,
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